

# Outreach Instructor Program

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **How do I become a CSTI Haz Mat Certified Instructor?**

*Generally, the process is to take the **CSTI** course you want to teach **first**. Based on your teaching experience take the CSTI Haz Mat Instructor Cert (40 hrs) course **or** the CSTI Haz Mat Instructor Cert for Trainers (20 hrs) course.*

*If you would like to teach Technician, Specialists, Technician for Industry, or General Site Worker, you must also attend the CSTI Haz Mat Technician/Specialists Instructor Orientation (8 hrs) course.*

*For more information contact Jeff Paullus at (805) 549-3552.*

### **Do the CSTI Haz Mat Courses meet State (Title 8 Section 5192) and Federal (29 CFR 1910.120) OSHA requirements?**

*Yes, all of CSTI courses meet and exceeds the OSHA competencies.*

### **Why does CSTI curricula exceed OSHA hours?**

*Even OSHA has stated the competencies are more important than meeting the minimum hours. Our hours reflect minimums to meet competencies for an all hazard response.*

### **Does CSTI curriculum meet the NFPA standards?**

*In most cases, Yes! There are a few standards that we suggest the department meet in other training courses.*

### **Do I have to certify through CSTI?**

*The CSTI standardized hazardous materials training program is voluntary. It is up to the employer to decide what training program to use to meet OSHA requirements. If the employer does decide to certify with CSTI the worker will be certified by the State under our law Ca. Govt. Code 8574.19-22. Not only will this meet the OSHA requirements but also build immunities for possible legal actions.*

### **Do I have to teach the 40 hour “Hazwoper” course?**

*This is one of the most FAQs and most misunderstood. Generally, the employer must determine what section in “Hazwoper” the employee should be trained in. For example, if the employee responds to haz mat emergencies he/she should be trained under “section q” at the appropriate response level. If he or she primarily engages in hazardous waste clean-ups then “section e” should be followed. It all depends on the duties tasked to the employee. Hours and competencies*

*are different in each “Hazwoper” section.*

Does CSTI cross certify other hazardous materials program?

*No, we do not certify other courses. The rationale is based on the essence of our law, (CGC 8574.19-22) to establish a Single, Coordinated, Standardized program. The only exception is the Technician/Specialist program which is jointly certified with the Ca. State Fire Marshals Office.*